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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE PORTUGUESE RECOGNITION OF MPLA

REFERENCE: STATE 6719

1. EMBASSY OFFICER CALLED ON ALAN GOODISON, HEAD OF SOUTHERN EUROPEAN DEPARTMENT, JANUARY 12 TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE GOP RECOGNITION OF MPLA (STATE 6141 NOT RPT NOT RECEIVED LONDON).

2. GOODISON SAID ANTUNES HAS ALWAYS BEEN INCLINED TO RECOGNIZE MPLA AND PROBABLY FEELS RECOGNITION MIGHT IMPROVE GOP'S RELATIONSHIP WITH OTHER EX-PORTUGUESE COLONIES (MOZAMBIQUE AND GUINEA BISSAU) AS WELL AS WITH OTHER AFRICAN NATIONS.

3. GOODISON SAID ANGOLA WAS DISCUSSED IN DECEMBER 22 MEETING BETWEEN FOREIGN SECRETARY CALLAGHAN AND SOARES. DURING THAT MEETING SOARES APPEARED FIRM ON NOT RPT NOT RECOGNIZING MPLA. FCO INTERPRETS APPARENT ANTUNES PRESSURE ON SMARES TO BE AN EFFORT TO RESOLVE RECOGNITION ISSUE IN CONNECTION WITH OAU MEETING.

4. BRITISH EXPECT TO SEE SOARES NEXT IN CONNECTION WITH
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SOCIALIST MEETING IN COPENHAGEN JANUARY 18-19 (REF-

ERENCE LISBON 176, PARA 3). SOARES IS NOT IN LONDON NOW
ACCORDING TO FCO AND LABOR PARTY SOURCES NOR IS HE EX-
PECTED IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

5. GOODISON SAID FCO WOULD CONSIDER US REQUEST TO DIS-
CUSS MPLA RECOGNITION WITH ANTUNES AND WOULD COORDINATE
WITH AMBASSADM CARLUCCI IN ADVANCE.
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